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SUBJC BANZER'S AUGUST 20 MESSAGE

1. IN CELEBRATION OF HIS FIFTH YEAR OF POWER GOB PRESIDENT GENERAL HUGO BANZER SUAREZ DELIVERED A NATIONAL ADDRESS AUGUST 20 OVER RADIO AND TV. BANZER DECLARED THAT BOLIVIA WOULD ENTER INTO PLURALISTIC DEMOCRACY BASED ON THE WILL OF THE PEOPLE IN 1980 AND THAT THE PAST FIVE YEARS OF STABILITY HAVE ALTERED DEFINITELY THE OLD STYLE OF FREQUENT AND UNEXPECTED POLITICAL CHANGES. HE SAID THE BOLIVIAN ARMED FORCES RECOGNIZE THE BACKWARDNESS CAUSED BY INSTABILITY AND DURING THE PAST FIVE YEARS BY IMPOSING ORDER THEY HAVE CREATED A NEW BASE FOR THE MODERNIZATION OF THE COUNTRY.

2. EXPLAINING WHY 1980 HAD BEEN FIXED FOR THE REINITIATION OF DEMOCRATIC PRACTICES, BANZER DESCRIBED THE PRESENT DECADE AS CRUCIAL FOR MANKIND AND FOR ESTABLISHING AN ACCELERATED RATE OF DEVELOPMENT IN BOLIVIA. FINALLY HE NOTED, IT IS LIKELY THAT BY 1980 POLITICAL IDEAS, ATTITUDES, AND STRUCTURES WOULD BE SUFFICIENTLY REJUVENATED TO GUARANTEE THE NEW DEMOCRACY THAT THE ARMED FORCES IS CREATING.

3. COMMENT: THE PRESIDENT'S COMMITMENT TO 1980 FOR RESUMPTION OF A DEMOCRACY HAD BEEN MENTIONED BEFORE, BUT THIS MESSAGE CONSTITUTES ONE OF THE LEAST EQUIVOCABLE STATEMENTS HE HAD MADE ON THE SUBJECT. ALTHOUGH 1980 IS HARDLY IMMINENT, THE PRESIDENT AND HIS

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ADVISORS NOW SEEM AGREED THAT THE END OF THE DECADE SHOULD SEE

A RETURN TO SOME FORM OF DEMOCRATIC POLITICS. FIXING A TIME WAS
IN ITSELF GOOD POLITICS FOR BANZER. SHOULD POLITICAL OR ECONOMIC
CIRCUMSTANCES CHANGE RADICALLY, OF COURSE, BANZER AND THE ARMED
FORCES COULD POSTPONE "DEMOCRATIZATION".
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